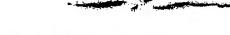
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<u>Remarks</u>

Claims 1, 2 and 4-7 are allowed.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1, 2 and 4-7 would be allowable if claims 8-12 drawn to a nonelected invention were cancelled. Accordingly, Claims 8-12 have been cancelled.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance.

If the Examiner feels for any reason that direct contact with the Applicant's attorney will advance the prosecution of this case to finality, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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